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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL
PANAMA SESSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV PRESS REPORTS ON CANAL ZONE QUESTION AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN PANAMA CITY AS STRUGGLE OF SMALL NATION FOR SOVEREIGNTY AGAINST US " COLOSSUS". PRESS ALSO REPORTS GRIEVANCES OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST US ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PENETRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGRADE DAILY BORBA MARCH 18 CARRIES FRONT- PAGE (3 COLUMN, RIGHT) TANJUG REPORT ON PANAMA CITY UN SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION. TANJUG WRITES THAT KEY PROPOSAL DEALS WITH " PANAMA' S" JUSTIFIED CLAIM TO RESTITUTION OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO PANAMA CANAL ZONE" OF WHICH SHE WAS DEPRIVED EARLY THIS CENTURY " ON STRENGTH OF TREATY IMPOSED BY US WITH ' FOREVER' COLONIALIST CLAUSE." TANJUG CONTINUES THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY CUBAN MINISTER ROA ON US EVACUATION AND NEUTRALIZATION OF ZONE " HAVE FOUND THEIR PLACE IN MOTION SPONSORED BY PANAMA AND PERU AS ANOTHER PROOF OF LATIN
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AMERICA' S SOLIDARITY IN RESISTING US MILITARY PENETRATION
INTO ' GREEN CONTINENT'."

3. SPECIAL POLITIKA CORRESPONDENT JURIJ GUSTINCIC MARCH 18
REPORTS FROM PANAMA THAT " NEW SPIRIT" PREVAILS IN LATIN
AMERICA: " LATION AMERICA FOR LATIN AMERICANS" AND THAT " TIME
HAS COME FOR NEW INTERPRETATION OF FAMOUS MONROE DOCTRINE
ON WHICH WASHINGTON BASED WHOLE CENTURY OF ITS POLICIES."
AFTER REPORTING THAT CUBAN MINISTER' S ATTACK ON ' YANKEE
IMPERIALISM' WELL RECEIVED, GUSTINCIC CONTINUES THAT US
HAS DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING PANAMANIAN LOGIC -- " THAT
ANY NATION NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS ENTITLED TO EVERYTHING
IS POSSESSES." REPORT CONCLUDES THAT NO ONE CAN FORCE US
OUT OF CANAL ZONE AND GREAT POWERS WILL NOT INTERVENE,
" BUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE WILL DEPEND
CONSIDERABLY ON POINT OF VIEW TAKEN BY PRESIDENT NIXON
TOWARD ISSUES NEARER HOME."

4. TANJUG BULLETIN MARCH 19 CARRIES FURTHER REPORT FROM
PANAMA CITY THAT GOVERNMENTS THIS REGION SEEK TO INFORM
WORLD " US IS POWER THAT FREQUENTLY TRAMPLES UNDERDEVELOPED
COUNTRIES SOUTH OF RIO GRANDE." TANJUG ADDS THAT AMERICAN
ECONOMIC PREDOMINANCE, TOGETHER WITH ITS MILITARY DOMINATION,
" INCREASINGLY IRRITATES THESE COUNTRIES..." AND CONCLUDES
LATIN AMERIANS WILL RELY MORE ON UN AND ORGANIZE THEMSELVES
" EVEN BETTER AGAINST ECONOMIC EXPANSION OF NORTH AMERICAN
COLOSSUS."
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